Ex-servicemen

1407. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of ex-servicemen given employment in the country during the last three years;

(b) the steps being taken to give employment to the remaining ex-servicemen in various civil departments and public sector undertakings; and

(c) the average number of defence personnel retiring every year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) The number of ex-Servicemen given re-employment in the country during the last three years is as under :

Year	Ex-Servicemen re-employed
1993	16,736
1994	16,457
1995	15,400 (Provisional)

(b) A statement is attached.

(c) About 50,000 - 55,000 Armed Forces Personnel retire every year.

STATEMENT

To provide re-employment to Service personnel after their release from the Armed Forces, the Central Government have provided following reservations for ex-Servicemen in Group 'C' and 'D' posts :

		Group 'C'	Group 'D'
(i)	Central Government Departments	10%	20%
(ii)	Central Public Sector Undertakings including Nationalised Banks	14.5%	24.5%

In para-Military Forces, a reservation of 10% is also provided in the posts of Assistant Commandants, for ex-Servicemen. The recruitment in Defence Security Corps is primarily reserved for ex-Servicemen. Various State Governments have made varying percentage of reservation for ex-Servicemen. Resettlement of ex-Servicemen is a continuous process. The employment of ex-Servicemen depends upon the number of vacancies reserved for ex-Servicemen becoming available and the number of eligible ex-Servicemen applying for such vacancies.

Physical Fitness Centres

1408. SHRI SARAT PATTANAYAK : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are considering to introduce a legislation to regulate physical fitness centres in the country, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DHANUSHKODI ATHITHAN R.) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Four Lane Highway No. 23

1409. SHRI LALIT ORAON : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to widen the Chass-Talchar National Highway No. 23 into four lanes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (c). There is no such proposal.

[English]

Audio-Visual Research Centre in Calicut University

1410. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have sanctioned Audio-Visual Research Centre to Calicut University in Kerala;

(b) if so, the funds allocated for this Centre;

(c) the main functions of the Centre;

(d) whether the Centre is functioning satisfactorily; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An amount of Rs. 82 lakhs has been allocated to make the Centre operational.

(c) The main function of the Centre is to prepare educational enrichment programmes for telecasting through the Countrywide Classroom Programme of the Consortium for Educational Communication (CEC).

(d) and (e). The Centre was sanctioned by University Grants Commission (UGC) in 1995-96 and is at the initial stages of establishment. It is too early to evaluate its performance.